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To: Director of Office of Child Care,

Planned use of CCDF Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds Report

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies): Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, including child care subsidy to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? YES

- Tribal Lead Agency (TLA) plans to assist workers deemed essential and frontline workers through the child care subsidy program without regard to income eligibility guidelines during the response to coronavirus.
- TLA plans to continue to waive copays for all families eligible for child care subsidy.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Procedures: Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? YES

- TLA plans to provide supplies to child care providers such as air filters and air purifiers to be used in the childcare facility.
- TLA plans to assist providers with the procurement of personal protection equipment (PPE) and sanitizing supplies.

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers: Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? YES

- TLA plans to routinely include additional funds to child care providers in the form of health and safety payments added to monthly claims.
- TLA plans to waive the attendance policy set in the CCDF plan and pay providers according to eligible child's enrollment vs the child's attendance.
- TLA plans to pay providers for days that facilities were closed due to COVID-19 concerns and exposures.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic:
As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

- TLA plans to offer assistance with the purchase of PPE and sanitizing supplies to child care providers not participating in the UKB CCDF subsidy program.
- TLA plans to distribute a needs assessment/survey to child care providers in the local area to get a better idea of ways to assist and support the child care sector.
- TLA plans to continue to refer to federal guidance for implementing this requirement.

Other: Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above?

- TLA plans to continue to pay hazard pay for the staff of the Tribally Operated Center
- TLA plans to continue to pay child care providers who have CCDF subsidy eligible children attending child care centers due to virtual learning and/or alternate school schedules.
- TLA plans to continue to monitor and evaluate the needs of child care providers and CCDF subsidy eligible families and offer support and assistance when allowable.
- TLA plans to continue to refer to federal guidance for implementing activities and assistance to support CCDF subsidy eligible families and childcare providers.

Thank you,

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(UKB CCDF/Child Care Programs Director)